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92 1-2 Freight Cars of Gold.

Washington.—Just for fear the "plain pee-pul" would not understand how much money this do nothing session of Congress has appropriated, Representative Hamilton, of Missouri, to-day reduced the figures to horse and man power. He announced that he had found out from the Treasury Department that thirteen \$20 gold pieces weighed a fraction under one pound, and that a ton of the metal was worth \$540,000.

Upon the basis of a million-dollar appropriation he estimated that this session of Congress had expended 1,851 tons of gold. Loaded in wagons, one ton a load, and each wagon placed in a line seven and one-half yards apart, Mr. Hamilton said the procession would be seven and one-half miles long, that the gold will ninety-two and one-half freight cars, each carrying twenty tons, making five trainloads, and that if loaded on the backs of men, each carrying 150 pounds, it would take 24,068 men to carry the appropriation of Congress about town.

"There were 22,008 votes cast for the Speaker of this House at the last election," said Hamilton. "It would, therefore, take all the Republicans and 1,285 Democrats in the district of Speaker Cannon to carry the appropriation of this Congress."

As to Advertising.

It was John Wanamaker, the best advertiser in the world, who laid down the maxim that a quitter has no business to try an advertising campaign; the successful advertiser is the man who keeps at it all the time. In a tug-of-war, you never see a man let go to get a new hold; if he does, his opponent wins the tug. So it is with advertising.

The important fact in the management of a store is that it is open for business regularly on all business days. This fact makes it important that the pulling, the influence, of the advertising should be as steady as the service of clerks. There is no day on which the advertising can be suspended without doing injury to the store—just as sure and positive injury as would be done by suspending any other function of the store for a day or two now and then.

For advertising has come to be a "function" of every live store—a part of the "service" it renders to the public. Advertising information is calculated to save the time and money of the store-patrons—and there is no good time to suspend such a function this.—Newsboy.

How About the Girl.

The Harrisonville Democrat suggests that "a crown should be the heritage of the young man who has the courage to establish the fad of taking his girl driving on the road rag." The young man might be willing enough, brother, but how about the girl?

House cleaning time—you'll need old papers—20c per 100.

That fact was brought out plainly enough by Senator La Follette, whose speech was not all "fillibuster" by any means. Doubtless he did try to kill the bill by killing time so as to prevent its coming to a vote. That is the only way in which a minority can defend public rights against a Big Business majority, whose policy it is to act first and discuss afterwards, if they discuss at all. But Mr. La Follette's speech was not a mere time-killing speech. It was a merciless exposure of the plunderous purpose of the measure. In discussing its provisions for the utilization of the bonds of private corporations as a basis for currency, he pointedly asked Mr. Aldrich if railroad bonds were not included. Mr. Aldrich replied that he didn't know. But as the bill is reported in the dispatches, any kind of bonds the Secretary of the Treasury at any time approves may be accepted from any national bank as the basis for bundles of currency guaranteed by the Federal government.—The Public.

His Choice.

He read the Bible. He preferred its tales to any other word.

Being a married man, he chose to read of other mortal's woes.

He read the story, and believed, how Father Adam was deceived.

He read of Abraham and Sairy—A tale the most extraordinary.

He read of Jacob, how for years he labored for those lovely dears.

He read of Lot—his wife a wreck—The true original rubberneck.

He read of Samson—how love ruled him, And how the base Delilah fooled him.

He learned of David and the strife Kicked up about Uriah's wife.

He learned of Job, that sorry wight, Whose sad experience was a fright.

He learned of Solomon, who had A thousand wives. (They drove him mad.)

He learned of Ananias, who Was stricken dead. (His wife was, too.)

Being a married man, he rose Refreshed from other people's woes.

—Puck.

Slandering Grant's Memory.

Throughout the length and breadth of the land members of the Grand Army of the Republic, without regard to political affiliations, deeply resent the Memorial day address made by Secretary Taft at the tomb of General U. S. Grant, in which he charged that the greatest of Northern generals was addicted to the excessive use of intoxicants, says the Kansas City Post. And the old soldiers have just cause for their indignation, for the gratuitous slander was utterly without excuse or justification.

History does not support the accusation of Mr. Taft, but even if it did, this would not serve in any way to lessen or mitigate his offense against decency. General Grant was a brave and valiant soldier, whose services were rewarded by the American people with the highest gift within their power.

DON'T BORROW TROUBLE—HUSTLE!

Let Us Smile, Be Cheerful and Do Our Level Best

"Never trouble trouble, till trouble troubles you," and if you owe any money go to bed and sleep. "Let the other fellow walk the floor"—you need the rest to enable you to work and earn it to pay him back and that is good, sound advice says the New Idea Woman's Magazine for July.

If you worry yourself to death over the every day annoyances of life, you will deserve all the suffering it creates, such as sickness, poverty, disappointment and loss of good looks, and can only boast a warped disposition.

All these conditions keep off the good things that might be yours for the taking.

In this great plan of creation it is certain that every one has a place; and if we are not in it and fulfilling the obligations it requires, no matter how hard, whose fault is it? We surely cannot blame that fact upon the Creator, for humanity should be constantly begging His pardon for misunderstanding Him so frequently as it does.

No, it is a lack of mental activity and a desire to dodge our moral responsibilities; we should put our fingers on our lips and remember that once we were given dominion over the things of this earth ourselves to be only a little lower than the angels. What has become of the gift? It was given for all time.

If we expect a good living to drop into our lap like a ripe plum, as it were, without troubling ourselves to earn it, needless to say we will get a shock, and it will take all the spunk we can scare up to cushion it so that it does not bowl us over.

So let us sing blithely, let us smile cheerfully, let us dress our best—and hustle!

The Republican standpat newspapers are making themselves ridiculous by advocating taking the tariff off of wood pulp and print paper. They want this tariff taken off because it would benefit them directly. It's money in their pocket. Now why don't these fellows feel as much for the farmer and laborer as for themselves. They thus admit the fallacy of the argument that the foreigner pays the tariff. Be honest now Republican editors and demand a reduction in the tariff on everything that is used by the people. Don't be so selfish. Make a clean acknowledgment of the rottenness of the high tariff system.—Clarence Courier.

Man's Superstitious Mind.

Editor W. A. Martin in Liberal Enterprise:—Some people would carry a dirty, rusty horseshoe six miles along a country road because they found it, and leave the violets to wither and die without an admiring eye. Superstition was ever rampant in the mind of man.

Have those shoes shined at Streans Barber Shop.

Bring your shoe repairing to the Second Hand Store and get them half soled. Satisfaction guaranteed. Prices Low.

Shave at Strean's Barber Shop.

Womanly Wisdom

To keep a house of order, sprinkle red pepper where you are likely to find it. To get will soon leave.

Don't discourage the boy when he comes to you with his cares or troubles. Sympathize with him, and thank God he confides in you.

The sweetest, purest ornament that a woman can wear, and of which she should feel proudest, is the clinging necklace of her baby's arms.

You can make pretty and durable table mats of the bottoms of used grape baskets. Tear off the sides and cover the bottom part with white linen or table oilcloth.

Hang a palm leaf fan by each bed. It is a comfort to have a breeze at command when you wake in the middle of a sultry night, and the cooler air and the regular motion of fanning often soothes one to sleep.

Some folks are troubled by potatoes turning dark after being boiled, especially at this time of the year. If they are peeled an hour or so before they are cooked, and left to stand in cold water, they will keep nice and white.

Butter may be kept solid in warm weather if put in a bowl that is covered with a plate and set in a pan of cold water. Then fold a towel and lay across the plate with the corners hanging down into the water, and put the pan in a cool if possible, a drafty place, and the evaporation will keep the butter firm.

To keep flies from roosting on the screen door, ready to come in when it is opened, take a piece of an old window shade, or else a folded piece of manila paper as long as the door is wide and about half a yard wide and cut into narrow strips to within two inches of the top, then tack across the top of the door. The gentlest breeze or the movement of the door, when opened, will keep the flies away.

This is why his marriage was a failure: He did all the courting before marriage. He never talked his affairs over with his wife. He thought of his wife only as a cheap housekeeper. He never dreamed that a wife deserved praise or compliments. He married an ideal, and was disappointed to find it had flaws. He paid no attention to his personal appearance after marriage. He treated his wife as he would not have dared to another woman.—June Farm Journal.

Wildest Cat Money Ever.

Oceola Democrat:—In spite of the fillibuster in the senate the Aldrich currency bill passed and became a law by the signature of the president. The Democrat has always believed in an elastic currency, but the wisdom of the measure that the president signed is questionable. The right to issue money is a function of the government and should not be delegated to any corruption, and certainly not on the security offered by other corporations. It is possible under the Aldrich bill to issue a worse "wildcat" money than was ever attempted by the old state banks, and to inflate the circulating medium to an extent never dreamed of by the wildest Populistic howler.

Mrs. J. B. Smith and daughter, Miss Rosa May, of Palmyra, have been the guests of Mrs. Smith's brother, W. A. Eagle and family.

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